

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 857
By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Senator David Fowler on his meritorious service as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this Body should recognize those fellow legislators who have performed their elected duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion and whose efforts to excel have brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Senator David Fowler is one such distinguished public servant whose illustrious career in the Senate will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 2006 Session of the 104th General Assembly, as he has announced his retirement from this august Body; and

WHEREAS, Senator Fowler has been a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of the 11th Senate District, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Senate District 11 evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of David Fowler by electing him as their representative to the Tennessee Senate, a position in which he has performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, during his term in the Senate, he has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, born on June 30, 1958, in Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia, David Fowler graduated from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 1980, with a bachelor's degree, and he earned his Doctorate of Jurisprudence in 1983, from the University of Cincinnati College of Law; and

WHEREAS, Senator David Fowler is a dynamic and active participant in the legislative process and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for his outstanding contributions and service during the 99th through the 104th General Assemblies; he has astutely served as Chair of the Senate Environment, Conservation, and Tourism Committee and as an esteemed member of the Senate State and Local Government Committee; Senate Fiscal Review Committee; Senate Judiciary Committee; Senate Joint Education Oversight Committee; and Joint Select Oversight Committee on Corrections; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of leadership and citizenship, David Fowler has served as a member of many community, civic, and charitable organizations, including participation as a Board member and past Chairman of Chattanooga Resource Foundation; former Board member of Chattanooga Tax Practitioners; and as an advocate for Bethany Christian Services of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, for his unparalleled devotion to public service and his constituents, Senator David Fowler has received numerous awards and honors, including being named 2005 Legislator of the Year by the Tennessee Development District Association; these honors are a testament to the honesty, integrity, and overall exemplary character and devotion with which he has performed his duties as a servant of the people; and

WHEREAS, a talented, astute, and productive teacher and lawyer, David Fowler is an Instructor at Bryan College and an attorney at the law firm of Spears, Moore, Rebman, and Williams; and

WHEREAS, his many civic and professional accomplishments aside, David Fowler is grateful for the love and support of his wife, the former Linda Parker, and they are the proud parents of one daughter, Allison; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, David Fowler is an active member of the Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church, which he has faithfully served for many years; and

WHEREAS, David Fowler's retirement from the General Assembly will leave a void that will not easily be filled, and his considerable talents and energies will be sorely missed by the good people of Senate District 11; and

WHEREAS, this Body finds it appropriate to bid farewell to our respected friend and colleague, Senator David Fowler; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Senator David Fowler on his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 11th Senate District, and extend to him our best wishes for much success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.